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To: Radioactive Material Licensees

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Subject: A Draft Safety Culture Policy Statement and Notice of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission Workshops

On November 6, 2009, the draft safety culture policy statement was published in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 57525) with a notice of an opportunity to comment. The NRC is also requesting information responding to a set of questions that are included in the notice. Comments on the policy statement are requested by February 4, 2010. A short summary of the safety culture concept and NRC's safety culture efforts is enclosed as Enclosure 1 and is available electronically at:

http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/3486.pdf

A copy of the draft policy statement is enclosed as Enclosure 2. The draft policy statement is also available electronically at:

http://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/3487.pdf

The NRC will be hosting a series of public workshops to develop a definition of safety culture and safety culture terminology. A separate *Federal Register* notice that describes this effort and requests names of individuals to participate at the public meeting(s) in a roundtable discussion of the issues will be published shortly. The first public workshop will be scheduled for late January or early February 2010. The second public workshop is scheduled for April 13-15, 2010. Licensees are welcome to participate in these upcoming workshops. Additional information on these meetings will be available through the NRC website at

<http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm> and
<http://www.nrc.gov/aboutnrc/regulatory/enforcement/safety-culture.html>.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Radioactive Materials' staff at (601) 987-6893.